

Child Witness to Domestic Violence  
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\*Research Supports that Child Witness to DV/IPV can adversely impact Children

“Witness” does not mean only seeing but hearing can be traumatic as well

\*Child Traumatic Stress can impact all areas of Child Functioning (social, emotional, health, education)

\*Complex Relationships exist: Severity of Violence, Parental coping and Responsiveness to needs of children

\*ACES studies have shown us the multiple stressors (4 or more- witness, parent addiction, child abuse, addiction, psychopathology, etc.) have long lasting impact on functioning as an Adult

\*Interventions can help change the outcomes

Guidelines: Prevention of DV/IPV,

Parental support,

Parenting Education,

Child treatment

\*Early Intervention important because of developmental impacts

\*CDC, NIH, Montana DPHHS all involved in ongoing research to better understand relationships and impacts but more Adverse Childhood Experiences, the worse the Outcomes in Adulthood on Health and Wellbeing